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**THE** Steam-ship  
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## Intimations.

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE** ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-  
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on  
FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at FOUR  
o'clock p.m.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from the  
14th to the 29th Instant.  
By Order of the Directors,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1881.

**CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE** Fifteenth Ordinary Meeting of  
Shareholders in the Company will  
be held at the Head-office, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th  
Instant, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the  
purpose of presenting the Report of  
the Directors and Statement of Ac-  
count to 30th April last, and of declar-  
ing dividends.  
The Transfer Books of the Company  
will be closed from 16th to 30th Inst.,  
both days inclusive.  
By Order,

W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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By Order of the Board,  
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Secretary.  
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YORK BOARD of UNDER-  
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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE** Thirtieth Ordinary Half-yearly  
Meeting of Shareholders in the  
Company will be held at the Office of  
the Company, No. 52, Queen's-road, on  
Thursday, the 28th July instant, at  
Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the  
purpose of receiving a Report of the  
Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and  
electing Directors and Auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors.  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1881.

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND  
MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

### NOTICE.

**THE** Transfer Books of the Company  
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the 28th instant, both days inclusive.  
By order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1881.

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### THE Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 27TH JULY, 1881.

The question of the prevalence of  
gambling in this colony has again  
cropped up, a leader in Saturday's  
*Daily Press*, and a letter in the *China  
Mail*, keeping the subject well before  
the public. Our morning contem-  
porary, on the alleged authority of a  
Chinese correspondent, repeats the  
astounding assertions which we cal-  
led attention to, and disproved by  
incontrovertible facts, and plain fig-  
ures, on the 7th instant. The gentle-  
man who writes to the evening paper  
is evidently perfectly well acquaint-  
ed with the actual position of affairs,  
and as his views are expressed in  
every instance but one with becom-  
ing moderation, we have much  
pleasure in directing the attention  
of every one interested in the matter,  
including the *Daily Press*, to the  
letter signed "Enquirer" in Satur-  
day's *China Mail*, for a most impar-  
tial statement of the actual position  
of affairs.

The suppression of gambling has  
always presented many difficulties to  
the authorities, since the licenses  
were cancelled, and the vice declared  
illegal. That the old system of  
Chinese detection was ill-suited to  
the requirements of the Act which  
prohibited gambling, events very  
soon plainly demonstrated; and we  
are informed on what may be con-  
sidered reliable authority, that even  
after the closing of the public gam-  
bling houses, the number of private  
hells in swing, almost equalled the  
licensed houses in their palmy days.  
Taking a common sense,  
practical view of the case, it appears  
to us a very grave question whether  
the enforced closing of the public  
gambling houses in this Colony was  
such a master stroke of policy after  
all. In the days of licensed houses,  
gaming was conducted under the  
immediate surveillance of the police  
authorities, so that cheating, and all

the double dealing and chicanery  
which are specially characteristic of  
private and illegal gambling dens,  
were rendered well nigh impossible.  
With public resorts to go to, where  
everything was square and above  
board, there was no inducement for  
would-be gamblers to patronise un-  
licensed haunts, consequently illegal  
gambling houses were comparatively  
few and far between. That there  
was a certain amount of illicit gam-  
bling even when licenses were issued,  
cannot be doubted; but its presence  
was not felt so objectionably as has  
been the case since the passing of  
the Ordinance prohibiting gambling  
in any shape or form.

In making laws for a Chinese  
community whose habits and idios-  
yncrasies are perfectly unintelligible  
to the ordinary run of what we term  
civilised mankind, it should not be  
forgotten that special complaints  
require special remedies. Nor can  
we altogether ignore the fact that  
the Chinese residents of Hongkong  
have some claims on the considera-  
tion of the Government, even as re-  
gards their "pernicious habits and  
prejudices. Gambling is not one whit  
more sinful to-day when it is pro-  
hibited by our laws, than it was in  
those days, not so many years ago,  
when a portion of our revenue was  
derived from licenses legalising and  
protecting it. Of ethics, according  
to our English ideas, the Chinese  
know little, and apparently care still  
less. They know that gambling was  
once legalised in Hongkong, and  
they are unable to comprehend the  
system of morality, or the questions  
of general polity, which, without  
any apparent benefits to the colony,  
have necessitated the transformation  
of what was for years protected and  
fostered by successive Governments,  
into a heinous crime. Truly enough  
they know the law, but what can  
idle laws do with a people who have  
no morals? If the moral sentiments  
of a people are completely relaxed  
or forgotten, the penalties imposed  
by the wisest legislature for what  
is not considered criminal, can effect  
little good. As a question of  
expediency, therefore, it would al-  
most seem that the colony would  
have been financially far better off,  
and morally, certainly not much  
worse than at present, had the law  
legalising public gaming houses  
never been repealed.

However, we must now take mat-  
ters as we find them. The Downing  
Street authorities, although com-  
pelled to shield with the arms of the  
law, that necessary evil, licensed  
prostitution, would doubtless object,  
under any representations, to return  
to the old state of affairs as regards  
gambling. There may be a good  
deal of inconsistency in making such  
a wide distinction between the two  
crying evils of every large community  
in the Far East; but whereas gam-  
bling can be reduced to a minimum  
by a well-organised police force, that  
other unspeakable vice can never be  
made altogether amenable to law  
and discipline, so it is perhaps better  
to leave it as it is.

The great difficulty experienced  
in putting down gambling, may safely  
enough be attributed to the improper  
and unsuitable system organised to  
meet the trouble at the commence-  
ment. Physicians tell us that the  
most potent medicines may be too  
late, when the disease has been per-  
mitted to gain ground by unneces-  
sary delay. So it has been to a great  
extent with the suppression of gam-  
bling. It must be conceded however  
by every one who is actually con-  
versant with what gambling was two  
years ago, and what it now is, that  
the system of dividing the district  
into sections, and placing a re-  
sponsible officer of police in charge  
of each section, has worked wonder-  
fully well. There are still gaming  
houses in the colony without a doubt,  
but all statements to the effect that  
they are worse than ever, and always  
on the increase, are gross exaggera-  
tions which ought not to be published  
unless on a better authority than that

of "a Chinese correspondent." The  
great increase of prisoners in Victoria  
Gaol is owing to the large number  
of gamblers detected and convicted  
under the new system, as the records  
plainly prove; and one has only to  
refer to the police court proceedings  
for the past year, and compare the  
gambling cases tried with those of  
any previous year, to receive convin-  
cing proof that some slight amount  
of credit is due to H. E. the Governor,  
for an innovation which has reduced  
gambling to a very low ebb, and in  
all respects worked remarkably well.

We must however, as a simple act  
of justice, call attention to the fact  
that the Inspectors, who have had  
the entire charge of the gambling  
raids, and prosecutions; the men,  
who have actually done the whole of  
the work, have received no recogni-  
tion whatever at the hands of the  
Government. This is not as it should  
be. Officers who do extra work,  
and that of a special, important, and  
at times, dangerous character deserve  
well of the State. The *China Mail*  
correspondent has done good service  
in calling attention to the \$100 per  
month, paid to the Captain Super-  
intendent of Police and the Registrar  
General, for their supposed extra  
exertions in putting down public  
gambling. It may be accepted as a  
matter of fact, that the extra duties  
performed by the Captain Superin-  
tendent, in the suppression of gam-  
bling, are not sufficiently onerous to  
merit such lavish remuneration; and  
so far as the Registrar General is  
concerned, we cannot find that, under  
the present administration, he has  
had or has now anything whatever to  
do with gambling, so that his \$100  
per month is merely a snug sinecure,  
which ought not to exist in these  
enlightened times. As the police  
officers have actually achieved all  
that has been done in the suppression  
of gambling, it seems to us that they,  
and not the Captain Superintendent  
of Police and the Registrar General,  
should receive the \$200 per month,  
or any other sum which the Govern-  
ment thinks proper to allot as a  
recognition of their efficient services.

We beg specially to direct the  
attention of our readers to the annex-  
ed letter, and editorial note, which  
appeared in last night's *China Mail*.  
They form a fitting sequel to our  
leader of yesterday. We condole  
with our contemporary on his humili-  
ation, and regret exceedingly that  
the foot note appended to Captain  
Thomsett's letter is not characterised  
by better taste. All the quibbling  
in the world will not materially alter  
the fact that the *China Mail* mal-  
iciously published, what every sane  
person in the Colony knew to be, a  
slandrous falsehood affecting the  
Governor, and after a very uncom-  
fortable afternoon, had to stultify  
himself in a fashion rather debasing  
to a self styled honest, and independ-  
ent journal. Notwithstanding the  
slap in the face he receives from  
Captain Thomsett's direct contradic-  
tion, our contemporary sulkily begs  
the question, and actually has the  
impudent audacity to assert, in the  
face of the Harbour Master's letter,  
that without any great difficulty the  
passage pronounced to be "incorrect,"  
could be shown to be a fair and reason-  
able statement. Treating the *China  
Mail* to the courtesy which in di-  
plomatic, as well as in literary circles,  
is customary even between bitter op-  
ponents, would be like throwing  
pearls before swine. Captain Thom-  
sett has publicly stated that the  
*Mail's* remarks are "incorrect," and  
he can safely enough vouch for the  
latter part of the particular passage  
referred to. We can speak for the  
rest, and repeat that our contem-  
porary's statement is an atrocious fal-  
shood, worthy of the contemptible  
coquin who wrote it.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"  
July 26.

Sir,—I regret to see the following  
statement in your last evening's issue  
of the *China Mail*:—"His Excellency  
stands revealed as an Administrator

who has stooped to publicly traduce  
the official character of his subordinate,  
and then to beseech from that ill-used  
gentleman, as a personal favour, escape  
from the natural consequences of his  
acts."

As these remarks have reference to  
the action of H. E. the Governor towards  
myself, I think it right to inform you  
that they are incorrect.

I shall be obliged if you can publish  
this letter in the next issue of the  
*China Mail*.

Your's faithfully,  
H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.

[We accede with pleasure to the re-  
quest made in the above communication.  
At the same time we cannot help  
thinking that it would have been far  
more satisfactory to the public, as well  
as better calculated to serve the purpose  
the writer seems to have in view, had  
Captain Thomsett pointed out the par-  
ticular inaccuracies which he regrets  
to have seen in print. We distinctly  
stated that, "if what is now public talk  
comes at all near the truth," so and so  
was the case; and it seems to us that  
the public are entitled to something  
more than a mere general assertion  
that a certain passage quoted is "in-  
correct." Where and in what is it in-  
correct? Is it in some phrase, or in a  
certain turn of a sentence? or is the  
substance of the statement made en-  
tirely devoid of foundation? For the  
credit of the administration of this  
British Colony, we should be only too  
happy to state "on authority" that  
there is no truth in the allegation which  
we have stated is generally believed.  
Captain Thomsett's letter, however,  
fails to meet the case. We made no  
pretence to narrate what actually took  
place at the interview between His  
Excellency Governor Hennessy and  
Captain Thomsett, and it would be  
sufficient for us to show that the  
passage pronounced to be "incorrect"  
is a fair and reasonable statement.  
This could, we think, be done without  
any great difficulty. The very object  
of the interview must have been to ob-  
tain an informal promise from Captain  
Thomsett not to proceed with the action  
which he had requested permission  
officially to initiate. That, it seems,  
was obtained; and what we have con-  
sistently opposed in Governor Hen-  
nessy's administration for the last four  
years is this informal and unofficial  
mode of doing business. The great  
difficulty is, and always has been, to  
obtain from the present Governor,  
straightforward official answers to offi-  
cial letters; and as we conceive it to be  
one of the duties of an honest journalist  
to expose such irregularities of admin-  
istration, especially when they produce  
effects such as Governor Hennessy's  
system has continuously revealed, there  
is no special cause for regret in this  
case. As for the phrase of Sir John  
Hennessy's official conduct which was  
said to be revealed, that cannot well  
be gainsaid. Let all the documents,  
however, be treated with the same  
publicity as have the other papers out  
of which this difficulty first arose; and  
as we have said, if they prove us to be  
wrong, it will be a relief for us to find  
that the public and ourselves had for  
once judged erroneously or been incor-  
rectly informed as to Governor Hen-  
nessy.—Ed. C. M.]

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The gunboat *Midge*, 4, left this  
morning for Amoy.

The *Kestrel*, 4, Commander W. M.  
Lang, left for Amoy yesterday.

Lieut. Francis H. Haygarth, H.M.S.  
*Iron Duke*, has been appointed to the  
command of the *Lapwing*, vice Scott  
deceased.

A new comic weekly called *Quia* has  
been started in Shanghai and emanates  
from the *Mercury* office.

By the *Overland Mail* we learn that  
the promotion of Colonel Horatio H.  
Morant, half pay, late 27th Regiment,  
creates a vacancy amongst Her Ma-  
jesty's Aides-de-Camp, and that Colonel  
Sir Howard C. Elphinstone, V. O., K.  
C.B., C.M.G., Royal Engineers, will be  
placed on the paid establishment to fill  
the vacancy.

We learn from the *Shanghai Mercury*  
that H. E. Chen Lan-ping, Minister

Plenipotentiary for the United States,  
Spain, and Peru, has been recalled,  
and Chen Tso-jui, at present Customs  
Taotai at Tientsin, appointed as his  
successor. The new Minister was  
formerly at the Shanghai Arsenal, and  
like his predecessor, is a native of  
Canton.

All the foreign officers employed in  
the Chinese revenue service of Canton  
have now been discharged. The *Peng-  
Chao-Hai* was the last vessel relieved,  
and the Chinese took over charge of  
the vessel at Canton yesterday. We  
are glad to hear that Captain Palmer  
has been offered a post in the Foreign  
Customs.

Ts'én Yu-ying the newly appointed  
Governor of Fokien and Formosa, ar-  
rived in Canton on Thursday from  
Kweichow, and proceeds in a few days  
to Foochow.

The Viceroy of Canton persuaded  
Ts'én to postpone his departure for  
some days to enable them to consult  
together on matters in which the two  
provincial Governments of Kwang-  
tung and Fokien are concerned. It  
will be remembered that the new Gov-  
ernor of Fokien was a member of the  
Yunnan Commission of Enquiry into  
the murder of Mr. Margary.

There has been a rumour in circula-  
tion for the last few days, that Mr.  
Robert Hart the Inspector General of  
the Chinese Customs is expected here.

Whether the arrival of the new gun-  
boats, or the issue of the stock of the  
new Loan, has given rise to this ru-  
mour, we cannot say, but we much  
doubt, considering the important mat-  
ters now in course of progress at Pe-  
king, whether the Inspector General  
could be spared from the capital, at all  
events, at the moment.

We hear that a testimonial to the  
Rev. Mr. Booth, who has recently  
been officiating at the Cathedral in the  
place of the Very Rev. Dean Butler,  
is to be presented to him by the con-  
gregation, and that it is now lying for  
signature at the Agra Bank; also that  
it will be shortly forwarded to him.  
We understand that literally the tes-  
timonial is not by the general public  
but only by the congregation. N. C.  
*Daily News*.

Loss of the *Annie S. Hall*.—News  
was brought to Shanghai to-day, of  
another wreck resulting from the gale  
of last Friday. The *Annie S. Hall*,  
three masted schooner, was anchored  
in seven fathoms, off the south point  
of Tat-chow Island; she dragged both  
her anchors, and was eventually lost  
on the Island. Captain Nelson and  
all the crew, except one, the Chinese  
cook, were saved. They were taken  
to Wenchow in the Chinese gunboat  
*Chian*, and are to be brought on to  
Shanghai in her. The *Annie S. Hall*  
was an American schooner of 455 tons.  
She left here for Nagasaki on the 16th  
February last. Messrs. Vogel & Co.  
were her agents. She was on a voy-  
age from Newchwang to Hongkong.  
—*Mercury*.

In reply to inquiries from several  
friends, to whom we are indebted for  
calling our attention to the *canard*, we  
beg to say that all reports to the effect  
that His Excellency the Governor pri-  
vately subscribes for 50 copies of the  
*Telegraph* daily, are entirely without  
foundation. As a matter of fact His Ex-  
cellency does not subscribe for one single  
copy of this paper, beyond what is re-  
quired for the Government departments,  
and this order amounts to one dozen  
copies per day, which, we believe, is ex-  
actly the same number supplied by our  
contemporaries. We are beginning to  
wonder how much farther our un-  
scrupulous, back-biting opponents will  
attempt to go with their venomous  
falsehoods, before we are compelled to  
bring them up with a round turn!

By the *Broad Arrow* of the 11th  
June, we learn that our old friends the  
74th Highlanders, now the 2nd battal-  
ion "The Highland Light Infantry,"  
arrived at Aldershot on the 30th May.  
The regiment was met at the railway  
station by Captain Dooner, 108th  
Brigade Major of the 2nd Infantry  
Brigade, and was played into camp by  
the bands of the 93rd Highlanders,  
the 45th (the Sherwood Foresters),  
and the 95th (the Derbyshire). Ac-  
cording to the *Broad Arrow* the move-



months of the regiment since their last appearance in the great national camp are as follows:—Left Altonshot for Dover in 1863, went to Limerick in 1867, and Dublin in 1868. After staying five weeks in the Irish capital the regiment was ordered to Gibraltar where they stayed somewhere about four years, passing on to Malta in 1872. From Malta the regiment followed its predecessor and arrived in the Straits Settlements, with its head quarters at Singapore, at the time when the Malay little trouble was on hand, and a distribution of the corps took place, the head quarters and two companies being stationed at Penang, one company at Qualla Kanza, one company at Banda Bharu, and the remainder in Singapore. Representations were made to Horse Guards both by telegram, and by letter, respecting the alleged unhealthiness of the 28th, then in this garrison, which again caused the regiment to move and they found themselves in Hongkong in 1878. In 1879 they again returned to the Straits Settlements, and eventually found their way to Glasgow in 1879, after thirteen years continuous foreign service. On the 2nd June, Major-General Sir H. W. Havelock-Allan, Bart., inspected the regiment and expressed himself highly satisfied with the general appearance and steadiness of the men under arms.

#### LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, July 27th, 1881.  
One o'clock P.M.

The extraordinary success which has attended the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's attempt to float the Chinese Imperial Silver Loan, is the very best proof which could be adduced to show the admirable manner in which the affairs of that institution are directed. Without denying that the Court of Directors are entitled to great praise for their efforts, general opinion would seem to indicate that the Chief Manager, Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. Ewen Cameron, Manager, in Shanghai, and Mr. Henry Smith, the Chief Accountant, are the men who have brought this Loan to a successful issue; and the Shareholders are to be congratulated on having business men of such tried experience, and remarkable foresight, at the head of affairs. Considering that the tenders accepted average within a fraction of 3½ per cent premium on the amount of the Loan, which, roughly speaking means a clear profit of \$240,000, without including the profits on exchanges, &c., it is hardly to be wondered at that Bank shares are quoted at 115 per cent premium, and at that price a large amount of genuine cash business transactions have been booked. Indicating the permanent stability of the stock, clever men are found speculating on time bargains, at the high rate of 123 for December, and even a higher price than this would appear to be justified by the prospects of the Bank. Docks are, if anything, weaker than yesterday, sellers at 58 being plentiful; but as the money of all those who tendered for the Imperial Loan at less than 3½ per cent, will now be let loose on the Exchange, some substantial business in this old established stock may be looked for. At any rate the only apparent reason for the late fall, is on account of so much capital having been tied up in the Loan. Sugars are weaker also, and after a few sales at 67½, 65 became the best offer, and the shares are now on offer at the price. Hotels are quiet at 112½, and probably on the downward line, as it is reported that the Chinese offers for the property are not altogether what was expected. It appears to us that this stock has been made the medium of a good deal of speculation lately merely on the strength of reports, which were probably as reliable as Stock Exchange *canards* usually are. The Hotel Company's Report which appears in another column is fairly satisfactory, and no doubt the Chairman will make some important re-

marks on the future prospects at the Meeting of Shareholders on the 29th inst. Appended quotations will explain the position of all other Stocks.

#### Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—115 per cent premium, Sales.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,700 per share.  
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 820 per share.  
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$300 per share, Ex. Div.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,000 per share.  
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$297 per share, Sales.  
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—58 per cent prem. Sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$31 per share premium.  
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.  
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$112½ per share, Sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$165 per share, Sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—3 per cent premium.  
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.  
Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43½ per share.  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1874—(Nominal).  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—(Nominal).

#### Exchange.

On LONDON,—  
Bank Bills, T.T., ..... 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8½  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/9  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, ..... 3/9½  
On PARIS,—  
Bank Bills, on demand, ..... 4.66  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 4.76  
On BOMBAY,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 225  
On CALCUTTA,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 225  
On SHANGHAI,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 72  
Private, 30 days' sight, ..... 72½

#### THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Friday next:—

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association the directors have now to submit to you their half-yearly report with statement of accounts for the six months ending 30th June, 1881.

#### HOTEL BUILDING.

The repairs to the buildings during the past six months have been very light and the hotel remains in a satisfactory condition.

#### LOAN ACCOUNT.

The directors have pleasure in stating that during the last half-year a sum of \$3,000 has been paid in reduction of the loan, which now stands at \$55,000.

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

After deducting such pro rata proportion of fire insurance, taxes, allowance of rent, repairs, &c., as is chargeable on the period under review, this account shows a balance of \$5,638-02, of which amount the directors, with the concurrence of the shareholders, propose to distribute a dividend of \$2:50 per share, thus absorbing a sum of \$4,645 and to write the balance \$993-02 off "Hotel and Furniture" account.

#### DIRECTORS.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. W. R. Landstein and the resignation of Mr. F. Grobion on his departure from the colony, two vacancies have occurred on the Board. The same have been filled by the election of Mr. Wm.

Reiners and the Hon. Phineas Ryrie, and these appointments require the confirmation of the shareholders.

According to Section 82 of the Articles of Association, two of the directors, Messrs. E. R. Bellios and H. Hoppius, retire from Board, but are eligible for re-election.

#### AUDITORS.

Messrs. A. E. Vaucher and E. Cope, the retiring auditors, are recommended by the directors for re-election.

E. R. BELLIOS, Chairman.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

##### ARRIVALS.

July 26, *Saghalien*, French steamer, 2982, Rolland, Shanghai, 128th July.—Messageries Maritimes Co.  
July 26, *Diamante*, British steamer, 514, R. F. Callen, Amoy July 25th, General.—Russell & Co.  
July 26, *Atjeh*, Dutch steamer, 957, M. de Neep, Batavia 1st July, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
July 27, *Anna*, German bark, 350, Davidson, Whampoa 26th July, General.—Wieler & Co.  
July 27, *Hungaria*, Austrian steamer, 1770, G. Stork, Trieste 1st July, General.—Melchers & Co.

##### DEPARTURES.

July 26, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, for Canton.  
July 27, *Thornhill*, British steamer, for Batavia.  
July 27, *Welle*, German steamer, for Keelung.  
July 27, *Midge*, British gunboat, for Amoy, &c.  
July 27, *Vortigern*, British steamer, for Singapore.  
July 27, *Ping-on*, American steamer, for Hoihow.  
July 27, *Yangtze*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

#### PASSENGERS.

##### ARRIVED.

Per *Saghalien*, French steamer, from Shanghai to Hongkong, — Mr. Ch. Brown, Rev. P. Belliot, Rev. P. Atchee, and 29 Chinese. For Marseilles, — Messrs. Rittmann, C. Fock, E. Fisher, and Sauvaget.  
Per *Diamante*, British steamer, from Amoy, one European deck, and 80 Chinese.  
Per *Hungaria*, Austrian steamer, from Bombay, 1 Cabin, and from Penang and Singapore, 41 Chinese.

#### SHIPPING REPORTS.

The French steamer *Saghalien* from Shanghai, reports fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Diamante* from Amoy, reports had light Southerly winds and fine weather throughout.

#### SHANGHAI.

We take the following items from the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 21st instant:—

A Band of Pirates, supposed to be those who plundered the German barque *Occident*, have been captured and taken to Foochow; and four of them sentenced to death.

#### Death of Commander W. G. Scott, of H.M.S. "Lapwing."

A shock of painful surprise was felt through the foreign community this morning, when the news was spread that Commander Scott, of Her Majesty's gunboat *Lapwing*, had shot himself on board his ship. The collision case at present before H.B.M.'s Supreme Court has been the chief topic before the public during the past week, and our readers will be aware from our report that Commander Scott in his position as defendant had a very trying and difficult task. The anxiety thus occasioned seems to have been the cause of depressing his spirits, while he was also of a nervous temperament and had been suffering in bodily health. Commander Scott gave evidence in the Supreme Court yesterday, and his cross-examination was to have been continued to-day; but the Court sat from nine to eleven hearing other evidence. No public intimation was made in Court of the occurrence, an adjournment was merely announced till

three o'clock. The news that the shooting had terminated fatally was conveyed to the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. R. A. Mowat, who in the capacity of Coroner held an

#### INQUEST

On board the *Lapwing*, with Messrs. Anton Lindsay, Edward Ward, and B. A. Clarke as Jurors.

The following evidence was heard:—William Dudley Wodsworth deposed, —I am staff-surgeon of H.M.S. *Lapwing*. The body which the Jurors have just viewed is the body of Commander Scott. I have examined it. A gunshot wound penetrating the brain was the cause of death. I heard what I took to be a shot fired at about 8.50 a.m. to-day, while I was walking on deck. The captain's servant rushed on deck and said the captain had shot himself. I went below to his cabin and found the body lying in the sleeping cabin, with the feet towards the drawers, and the head on the sill of the door. Life was not extinct. He died in about an hour. He was unconscious the whole time. He was partially dressed. The aperture of entry is situated on the right temple, about midway between the angle of the eye and the lobe of the ear. From the direction of the wound and the matter issuing from the wound, the bullet must have penetrated the brain. There were two wounds. The second was the aperture of exit. The ball traversed the brain. The ball was found on the floor of the sleeping cabin. The ball is a pistol bullet apparently, weighing two drachms. I have seen a pistol from which it is supposed to have been fired. The captain's servant found the pistol beneath the body. (Pistol and bullet produced). The doctor of the *Porhound* and Dr. Little also saw him before he died. Nothing could be done for him. He has lately been suffering from diarrhoea and derangement of the bowels. I asked him if he wanted anything before going to Court. He replied "No;" and said that he felt better like a glass of port in a flash to take with him. This conversation was in his cabin. I left him there. This would be about ten minutes before I heard the shot. He seemed rather distressed and mentally depressed. He was of a nervous temperament naturally. Latterly he has been more so.  
By a Juror.—He has been suffering under nervous excitement and mental depression for some time. He had suffered from fever and dysentery at Tientsin, and that would have a depressing effect on him.  
By the Coroner.—I have no doubt the wound was self-inflicted. I cannot say whether he was sitting, or standing, or lying down when the shot was fired. I should think he fell, because there is a wound on the chin as if he had struck against something in falling. He had no coat on and no hat, when I spoke to him in his cabin. He was similarly dressed when I next saw him. He had breakfast.

George Buckett, A.B., and doing duty as captain's servant deposed.—I was in his room at ten minutes to nine. I asked him if he wanted his frock coat to go ashore. He said "Yes, in a minute or two." He then asked if his boat was manned alongside. I told him "Yes." I left the cabin, and as soon as I got outside I heard the report of a pistol. I ran in and saw him lying between the doors. I ran into the wardroom and gave the alarm. I found the pistol and bullet both under him. It was his own pistol. When I spoke to him he was coming out of the small cabin, and when I left he turned back towards his cabin. I did not notice anything strange about him.

The inquest was then adjourned.

#### Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register, Queen's-road).

HONGKONG, 26th and 27th July.  
BAROMETER—1 P.M. .... 29.882  
Do. 4 P.M. .... 29.838  
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. .... 85.  
Do. 4 P.M. .... 86.  
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 82.  
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 82.  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. .... 29.890  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. .... 84.  
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 81.  
Do. Maximum .... 86.  
Do. Minimum (over night) 80.

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Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c. Chamberlin, Chablis (White), Liebfrauen Hockheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konigin Victoria Berg, Chateau Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut Sauterne Marsala, Saccocc's Pale Dry White Seal Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Co.'s Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.

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